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Sponsored by the party, the National Center of Cooperatives inaugurated two schools offering training in cooperative matters in fall 1948. In spring 1949, seven new schools were opened in various parts of the country specializing in the training of cadres for cooperatives. The schools also trained inspectors and organizers for the National Center of Cooperatives.

Students are chosen from the most active members of the cooperatives. They receive free board and financial support while attending school. The curriculum consists of Marxist-Leninist theory, planning, economics, agriculture, and theoretical and practical problems of commerce. During the course, students are sent to producers' cooperatives for several weeks to acquaint themselves with the practical application of their studies.

After the students graduate, the National Center of Cooperatives keeps in contact with them. Recently, the center sent circular letters to 5,000 graduate students in connection with the gathering of the crop. The schools have already trained 10,000 persons for cooperative cadre work.

In 1951, 37 percent of the students were women. Outside the regular schools, the center maintains individual courses, where 1,000 persons have received instructions in handling practical problems of the cooperatives.

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